www.CommissionerBeckner.com **August 2011**

Inside This Issue

- **Small Business Program**
- **Have a Plan**
- **Softball Player of the Year**

Small Business Job Creation Program

The Board of County Commissioners voted to create the Small Business Job Creation Program earlier this year.

The program was established in order to create quality, sustainable, new jobs and help reduce the unemployment rate in Hillsborough County.

The program will enable businesses located in Hillsborough County, with 10 or fewer employees, to hire new employees. The program will impact a small business tremendously by offering them an opportunity to free up capital to expand its business in Hillsborough County.

The program is structured to offer wage reimbursement of 50% of wage/salary cost of new jobs for three months, up to $3,900 for each new job. Reimbursement will be paid following satisfaction of all program requirements, including, but not limited to, completion of the required employment period.

This wage reimbursement can be used for working capital or other needs as necessary.

For complete details about the requirements of the program and to print an application packet click HERE.

"The success of our small businesses are critical to the growth of Hillsborough County. I stand committed to the creation of good quality jobs in our community," commented Beckner.

Upcoming Community Office Hours (11:00am – 1:00pm)
Please click HERE for a complete list of 2011 dates

Friday, August 26, 2011: Temple Terrace Public Library, 202 Bullard Parkway Temple Terrace, FL 33617 813-506-6775

Friday, September 30, 2011: West Tampa Branch Library, 2312 W. Union Street Tampa, FL 33607 813-276-2097

Have a Plan, Know Your Plan

While the start of the Hurricane season has gotten off to a slow start for the Tampa Bay region, Hillsborough County residents should remain vigilant. “You should have a plan and know your plan because no one can predict if a storm will directly impact our community in the coming months,” said Commissioner Beckner.

The Hillsborough County Emergency Management Department reminds all of us to prepare your hurricane survival kit. Your kit should include food, water, medicine and batteries. It should also include important documents in waterproof bags or containers.

More hurricane preparedness information can be found in the Hurricane Guide, the official guide for Tampa Bay, which is available at most post offices and libraries throughout Hillsborough County. You can pick up bulk copies for your neighborhood associations or organizations by calling the County’s Emergency Operations Center at (813) 236-3800.

For more information, click HERE.

Softball Player of the Year Recognized

Commissioner Beckner recognized Sickles High School senior, Mya Anderson, as the 2011 All-Hillsborough County softball team player of the year.

Anderson is a converted catcher who moved to centerfield as a senior and committed just one error in 40 chances. Offensively, she was nearly flawless, hitting .553 with seven home runs, 33 RBIs, 11 doubles and three triples.

Gryphons’ coach Phil Giarrizzo joined Mya and her father Dwayne Anderson at the BOCC meeting on August 3, 2011, to receive a commendation on behalf of the BOCC.

In the fall, Mya will be moving up to Marianna where she has signed with Chipola Junior College.

“We are so proud to have elite high school athletes in our community like Mya Anderson. Congratulations to Mya on a great season and best of luck to her in all her future endeavors,” said Beckner.

Current Boards

-Arts Council

-Children's Board

-EPC (*Chair)*

-HART

-Juvenile Justice Task Force (*Chair*)

-MPO

-Public Safety Coordinating Council

Contact Information

Commissioner Kevin Beckner

601 E. Kennedy Blvd

Tampa, FL 33602

Phone: 813 272-5730

Fax: 813 272-7053

becknerk@hillsborough county.org

Aides to Commissioner Kevin Beckner

Jerry Noland

nolandj@hillsborough county.org

Paul Dontenville, Jr

dontenvillep@ hillsboroughcounty.org

Keeping You Informed

There are seven members of the Board of County Commissioners for Hillsborough County. Four are elected from single-member districts, and three are elected county wide. The Board approves the County's operating and capital budgets and the County's capital improvement program. It may take action on any programs for the improvement of the county and the welfare of its residents.

Under a Charter Ordinance that went into effect in May 1985, County Commissioners are to perform legislative functions of government by developing policy for the overall management of Hillsborough County. The County administrative staff are entrusted with the implementation of these policies.

Hillsborough County Florida

Getting Involved in Your County Government

Regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are open to the public and are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, beginning at 9 a.m. Speakers generally are limited to 3 minutes. The Commissioners' offices and boardroom are located on the 2nd floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Boulevard in downtown Tampa.

The meetings also aired live on Hillsborough Television. Check your cable listings for the appropriate channel in your area. Or you can watch the live streaming broadcast at www.CommissionerBeckner. com.